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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 13, line 16, change "and" to --,--; and

line 16, after "microcomputers" insert --and PC servers--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-68 are presented for examination in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to more clearly describe Applicants' invention. No new matter has been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

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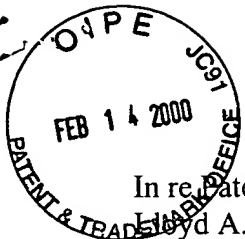
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER - FEE COMPUTATION

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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